

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; thyroid eye disease (TED) is a rare autoimmune condition characterized by the body's adaptive immune system mistakenly attacking healthy tissue behind the eye, resulting in progressive inflammation and the formation of scar tissue; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, symptoms of TED can include eye pain, irritation and swelling, watery eyes, bulging eyes, blurred or double vision, and in severe cases, vision loss; and

*WHEREAS*; it is important to acknowledge the potential functional, psychosocial, and economic impacts of TED on affected individuals, which may include emotional distress, depression, and the inability to work or independently perform daily activities; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, along with dedicated advocates and organizations throughout the state, in spreading awareness of TED in the hope that further research and medical advances will soon lead to a better understanding of the condition and improved treatment options;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 13 – 19, 2023, as

## THYROID EYE DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 30th day  
of October 2023.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State